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The time period for response to the hereby set to ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) days from the mailing date of this communication .

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 10/17/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The remarks failed to point out how claims 1 – 5 are patentable in view of the prior art of record as required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles E Anya whose telephone number is (703) 305-3411. The examiner can normally be reached on M – F (First Friday Off) from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7239.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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